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The Communist Daily Worker for February 1, 1951, has issued an official call for a march on Washington to be held on March 1, 1951. It is euphoniously referred to as a Peace Pilgrimage under the auspices of the American Peace Crusade. Actually, it is a project intended to promote treason against the United States.

The American Peace Crusade is an organic part of the Communist peace offensive now being waged, which will be described fully in a forthcoming committee report as an effort to "disarm and defeat the United States." Spearheading the Crusade are the following known members of the Communist Party: Moscow-trained Ben Gold, also Howard Fast, Alex Sirota, Albert Kahn, Maurice Travis, and Paul Robeson. The following have refused to affirm or deny Communist Party membership: Hugh Bryson and Abram Flaxer. This group has succeeded in ensnaring a few well-intentioned but singularly gullible individuals who are unaware that they are aiding a treasonous program.

Having been generously briefed and banqueted in Moscow in November 1950, three signers of this call are now in this country to promote the invasion of the Nation's capital by 3,000 Fifth Columnists. These emissaries are Dr. John Kingsbury, chairman of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, which has been cited as subversive by the Attorney General, and his associates, Rev. Massie Kennard, of Chicago, and Charles P. Howard, vice chairman of the Communist-dominated Progressive Party of Des Moines, Iowa, and active defender of the 11 convicted Communist leaders.

Once before, we witnessed an American Peace Crusade. That was during the infamous pact between Adolf Hitler and Joseph Stalin. At that time it was sponsored by the American Peace Mobilization which picketed the White House. Oddly enough, a number of signers of the call for the coming Peace Pilgrimage were likewise supporters of the American Peace Mobilization, namely Paul Robeson, Abraham Cronbach, Abram Flaxer, Rockwell Kent, Ernest De Maio, Ben Gold, and Rev. Walter A. Mitchell.

The Red Crusaders have chosen a crucial moment for their ill-starred pilgrimage. It comes at a time when thousands of American boys are fighting the aggressive forces of the Chinese Red Army in the snowy wastes of Korea, when Americans from the production line to the Red Cross clinic are sacrificing to the utmost to aid our embattled doughboys. This is the moment they have chosen to demand recognition for the Chinese Communist Government responsible for the

loss of thousands of American lives. It is a stab in the back which the American doughboy and the American people as a whole will neither forget nor forgive.

It would seem to us that in selecting Washington as their destination, the Red paraders have chosen the wrong address. Why don't they ask Moscow, whose puppets in Korea and China have brought about the present slaughter, to forego its ambitions for world conquest? Why not ask Joseph Stalin to disband his American Fifth Column and his huge standing army? Why don't they plead with the Kremlin to lift its shackles from the peace-loving Russian people so that they, together with the American people and the people of the world, can once more live in peace and good will?

The so-called American Peace Crusade stems from the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace in March 1949 which was described by Secretary of State Dean Acheson as "a sounding board for Communist propaganda." This group operating as the Peace Information Center was responsible for the circulation of the abortive Stockholm Peace Petition. More recently, the officials of the Peace Information Center were indicted by a Federal grand jury for failure to register under the Foreign Registration Act. Among those identified with both the Peace Crusade and the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace are the following: Dorothy Brewster, Abraham Cronbach, Jerome Davis, William E. B. DuBois (indicted), Arnaud d'Usseau, Henry Pratt Fairchild, Rockwell Kent, Dr. John Kingsbury, Howard Fast, Charles P. Howard, Bishop Arthur M. Moulton, Erwin Panofsky, Linus Pauling, Theodore Rosebury, James H. Wolfe, and Dr. Edward L. Young.

It is significant to note that while about 600 lent their names to the Scientific and Cultural Conference in March 1949, only 65 "notables" could be mustered for the present Peace Crusade. Of this number, a good proportion are either known Communists or very close sympathizers, which is proof of the fact that it is becoming more and more difficult to find dupes to support Communist booby traps for treason.

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